

tired of the fields and a failed marriage, took her two children and migrated to Chicago looking for a better life and that is exactly what she found. With faith in God she joined Greater Salem Missionary Baptist Church where the renowned gospel singer Mahalia Jackson was a member and she also sang in the choir. She met and married her second husband Mr. Andrew Atchison who worked for the Diamond Glue Factory. She found a job cleaning rail cars for the Pennsylvania Railroad and worked there until her retirement in 1970.

Mrs. Atchison and her husband became very productive citizens and developed a reputation for helping others less fortunate than themselves and she became known to many as big mama. Rosie and her family lived in the mecca building in the heart of the Bronzeville community until they were forced out to make room for the Illinois Institute of Technology. They protested and held marches around city hall but lost. After her husband died she purchased a 2 flat building in the Englewood community and kept on helping people.

On November 23, 2020, after 109 years Rosie passed away leaving 2 daughters, 15 grandchildren, 60 great grandchildren, 95 great great grandchildren and 24 great, great, great, grandchildren, one sister Josephine Liner Wilson and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and extended family. What a life, what a legacy.

HONORING JOSH HURLBERT

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Madam Speaker, I proudly pause to thank Josh Hurlbert for his many meaningful years of service to the Sixth Congressional District of Missouri.

Josh has been an invaluable member of my team in the Sixth Congressional District for twelve years. Getting his start as a volunteer for the office, Josh has worked his way through several positions on my staff. From Staff Assistant to Caseworker to Senior Field Representative—Josh is truly a jack of all trades. Josh also served the district in his role as Smithville Alderman. His untiring work ethic and vast knowledge of federal agencies and state issues alike have made him a crucial member of my staff.

Josh's dedication and leadership has not gone unnoticed by voters in Missouri. Upon leaving my staff, Josh will continue his service to the State of Missouri as a member of the Missouri House of Representatives. As the Representative for the Twelfth District, Josh will continue to honorably represent the residents of North Missouri and ensure that their voices are heard by the government. I look forward to working with him to continue to improve the lives of our shared constituents.

Madam Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Josh Hurlbert for his commitment to not just Missouri's Sixth Congressional District, but the entire state of Missouri. I am honored to have had him on my team for 12 years and I am excited to see him continue as a leader in the Missouri House of Representatives.

EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES AND CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF CHARLEY FRANK PRIDE

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I acknowledge the passing of Charley Frank Pride, but with great joy that I recall his storied career as an artist, gifted musician and professional baseball player, and with even greater joy that I recall our significant friendship.

Charley Frank Pride was born in Sledge, Mississippi, on March 18, 1938. Charley's parents were both sharecroppers and cotton pickers. Since he was young and couldn't decide for himself what he could or couldn't do, he was forced to pick cotton as a child. However, he grew up listening to country music. He walked around the house singing songs of Hank Williams and Roy Acuff.

At the age of six, he found himself listening to the Grand Ole Opry on the country music radio station. At one time, Charley was given the nickname "Mocking Bird" by a neighbor who says Charley's daily chores were to sing each morning and to play baseball.

When Charley Pride was fourteen, he bought his first guitar from Sears and Roebuck and taught himself how to play by listening to different songs on the radio. Charley didn't want to follow his father's footsteps. His plan was to become famous in baseball, but his dream was to be a country singer. At the age of seventeen, he began to seek his fortune.

In 1958, he played baseball in the American Negro League for the Birmingham Black Barons. But his baseball career didn't last long. Charley stated "I'm not a black man singing white man music, I am an American singing American music. I worked out those problem years ago, and everybody else will have to work their way out of it too." That was the end of Charley Pride's baseball career.

Later Charley had an audition for Jack Clement, a song writer and record producer.

After the audition, Charley proved to Chet Atkins and the manager for the Mets that he wasn't trying to fit in with the whites, he was just a business man singing American music. Chet Atkins, vice-president of RCA recording in Nashville, realized that Charley Pride's country singing was a talent. This led Pride to a RCA recording contract.

Two of his best and popular records are Snakes Crawl at Night, and Just Between You and Me, which earned a Grammy in 1968. Pride's first number one hit on the singles chart was "All I Have to Offer You Is Me" in 1964. "Kiss an Angel Good Morning" was a million-selling crossover single recorded in 1971. Charley Pride has more than 36 number one country singles. He has produced more than 35 albums.

On May 1, 1993, Pride joined the Grand Ole Opry. In 1994, the Academy Of Country Music presented him with its prestigious Pioneer Award. In 1994 his autobiography *Pride: The Charley Pride Story* was published by William Morrow. In 1996, he received a Trumpet Award by Turner Broadcasting, marking outstanding African-American Achievement.

His song "Roll On Mississippi" was considered as the official song of his home state, a

stretch of Mississippi highway was named for him, and he performed a special Christmas performance for President and Mrs. Clinton at the White House.

He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2000. In 2008 Charley Pride's talent earned him the state of Mississippi's top arts award for Lifetime Achievement in the 2008 Governor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts.

Madam Speaker, on Saturday, December 12, 2020 Texas and this Nation has lost the presence of one of its most humble and talented individuals on many fronts in American life. Charley's loss will be deeply felt among many, but his work will not. His caring nature, his artistic work and for me more importantly, his friendship will live forever.

RECOGNIZING ETERNAL LIGHT FOOD PANTRY

HON. RASHIDA TLAIB

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Eternal Light Food Pantry, an organization based in Dearborn Heights, Michigan that serves residents through food assistance to the families of Wayne County.

Founder, Sam Bazzi, was moved and inspired by the hardship facing many working families and other vulnerable populations in our district. He started the Eternal Light food pantry to assist community members struggling with food apartheid. He and his team of volunteers have served countless residents, including forty-two thousand people in 2020 alone as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Through the community connections created by delivering meals and food baskets, Mr. Bazzi has gone above and beyond, referring those in need to social services organizations, and even helping to raise funeral funds for another individual. Mr. Bazzi's commitment to community and service are unparalleled and truly a reflection of how the 13th Congressional District has continued to show up for each other during these difficult times. I am truly grateful for the work of Sam Bazzi and Eternal Light for answering the call to service and helping those who are in need the most.

Please join me in tribute to Eternal Light Food Pantry, for its outstanding service to the people of Michigan's 13th District.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE LEROY FLEMING

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to my good friend Clarence LeRoy Fleming, who passed away on Saturday, November 7, 2020. Leroy was a tireless and compassionate member of our community and he will be deeply missed.

LeRoy was born on August 21, 1939 in Afton, Iowa to the late William Donald Fleming and Virgie "Dee" Jeter Fleming. After attending Afton High School, LeRoy worked for the